

a proposal Sr William will by sending some Parties of the Five Nations against them be able to bring them to Reason. I doubt not but you have heard before this time of the new Dispute which hath arisen in Pennsylvania since Governor Penn's Arrival between the Assembly & him about the Mode of Taxing the Proprietors Estate & know that in Consequence thereof the Assembly actually Resolved to Address His Majesty & in a formal manner petition Him to take the Province under his own immediate Government. If you have not yet seen an Account of these violent Proceedings the inclosed Phila^a Gazette bearing Date the will give you some notion of them. It is I understand supposed to be greatly owing to Mr Franklin that Matters have been carried such extraordinary Lengths & They who approve of the Assembly's Conduct give out it seems that the Actors have the greatest Reason to believe such Application for a Change of Government will be far from disagreeable to His Majesty's Ministers or the Parliament of Great Britain. After what I have often intimated to you of the Inclination the Inhabitants of this Province shew to adopt Pennsylvania Politics I suppose it almost unnecessary to tell you that the Resolves of the Pennsylvania Assembly having become the Subject of general Conversation throughout this Province & being much applauded by the popular Leaders have led many to express their Wishes publickly that a Revolution or Change of Government was likewise to take place here, giving as a Reason for such their Wishes that there would then be an End to all Disputes between the Branches of Legislature about Raising Supplies Appointment of Agents, Ordinary Lycence Fines, & every other Matter without considering that Disputes have often arisen in the Crown Governments & are at present carried to a greater Length in South Carolina between the Governor & Assembly than they have been even in Pennsylvania during the whole War, for tho the Indians have from time to time been ravaging the Borders of Carolina Governor Boone has not been able to obtain a Shilling from his Assembly for the Frontier Inhabitants Relief & Support nor will the Assembly proceed to any Business untill he shall make some Concession to Them which from his noncompliance he is not probably at liberty to do. Besides the Gazette abovementioned I send you a Pamphlet which was lately dispersed thro Pennsylvania entitled "Cool Thoughts on the present Situation of Publick Affairs" & said to be wrote by Mr Franklyn: the Design is avowedly to prejudice the people against Proprietary Governments & tho the Disputes which have subsisted here were by no means of a similar Nature with theirs the Author has you will observe